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AUTOPSY REPORT

(see attached Report of Anthropology Consultation)

Case No. ML83-6849

November 17, 2008

ON THE BODY OF

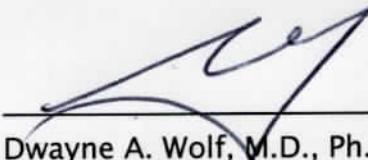
Unidentified Skeletal Remains

CAUSE OF DEATH: Undetermined (skeletal remains)

MANNER OF DEATH: Undetermined

DATE OF DEATH: Found August 4, 1983

Reviewed by:



Dwayne A. Wolf, M.D., Ph.D. 08/27/99
Deputy Chief Medical Examiner MM/DD/YY

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Director, Anthropology Department

ML83-6849

REPORT OF ANTHROPOLOGY CONSULTATION

CASE NUMBER: ML83-6849
NAME: Unknown
PATHOLOGIST: Unknown
DATE (analyzed): November 17, 2008

As a part of the Anthropology Division/Identification Unit review of unidentified HCME cases, ML83-6849 was reexamined. Base on the records present in the unidentified decedent folder, it appears the remains were initially identified as non-forensic and a pathologist was not assigned to the case nor was an autopsy performed. My opinions is the remains are forensic and a skeletal analysis and unidentified decedent work-up is done.

Inventory:

The Investigator's Report lists several elements received from the Jefferson County Precinct 3. The list is consistent with the current inventory. No skeletal element is duplicated. The elements are consistent in size, development, and condition and represent a single individual. The skeletal inventory is listed below.

Right Humerus
Right and left ulnae
Right and left radii
Left lunate
Left metacarpals I-III Hand phalanges (2)
Right rib fragments (7)
Left rib fragments (1)

Unknown

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Un-sided rib fragments (10)

Lumbar vertebrae (5)

Sacrum

Right and left innomates

Right and left femurs

Right and left tibiae

Right and left fibulae

Right and left calcanei

Right and left tali

Right 3rd cuneiform

Right metatarsals I, III, IV

Left metatarsals IV, V

Skeletal Profile

Summary:

Ancestry: Undetermined

Sex: Male

Age: 17-22 years

Stature: 65-71 inches (5'5"- 5'11")

Ancestry

Insufficient skeletal remains were recovered for accurate ancestry estimation.

Sex

The estimated sex of the decedent is male. The estimate is based on the metric analysis of the postcranium and the morphology of the innomates. Features observed in the innomates consistent with males include subpubic convexity, narrow sciatic notch, and flat sacral attachment. The maximum diameter of femoral head is within the male range.

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Age:

The age-at-death of the decedent is estimated to be 17-22 years. The age estimate is based on the pattern of epiphyseal fusion. The iliac crest, distal radial, distal ulnar, and distal femoral epiphyses are completely open. These sites typically begin to fuse around the age of 18 years. The lumbar vertebral rim, ischial tuberosity and sacral segments have begun to fuse. Fusion is typically completed by the mid twenties. The epiphyses of the remaining bones are fully fused.

Stature:

The stature estimate is 65-71 inches (5'5"- 5'11"). The estimate is based on the combined comparison of the maximum length of the tibia and sacrum to the Forensic Database using the 20th century White and Black male algorithms.

Trauma

Antemortem:

The remains are unremarkable in terms of antemortem trauma.

Perimortem:

The remains are unremarkable in terms of perimortem trauma.

Postmortem:

The ends of the long bones are eroded, exposing the trabecular bone. The ribs are highly fragmented. The remains are recovered from a shoreline. The pattern of postmortem trauma is consistent with a surface disposition.

The pubic symphyses have been cut from the innomates. The cut mark is consistent with an autopsy saw. The morphology of the pubic symphysis is a good age indicator and the pubes were most likely removed for age assessment.

Pathologies and Individualizing Characteristics

The remains are unremarkable for pathologies or individualizing characteristics.

Postmortem Interval:

The remains are completely void of tissue and are odorless. They are uniformly stained and well-weathered. The remains are found along a shoreline. Based on the

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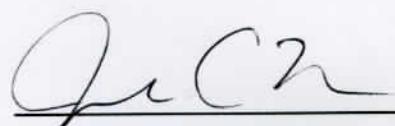
conditions of the elements and the depositional environment, an accurate interval between death and discovery cannot be estimated.

Identification:

The remains are unidentified. The decedent description is disseminated through the NCIC (NIC #U220022155) and NamUs and is posted on the HCME website. A DNA sample is submitted to the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center for STR and mtDNA analysis. Radiographs of the skeletal remains are taken and archived.

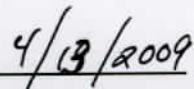
Summary:

The biological profile of the decedent is a 17-22 year old, male with a stature of 65-71 inches. No perimortem trauma is observed on the remains. The unidentified decedent description is disseminated.



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Director, Anthropology Department



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JOSEPH A. JACHIMCZYK FORENSIC CENTER

Judge Ray Chesson
19217 FM 365
Beaumont, TX 77705

August 27, 2009

Dear Judge Chesson,

Please find enclosed the autopsy report for case ML83-6849. According to original paperwork, these remains were recovered in Jefferson County approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the Chambers County border on August 4, 1983, and were forwarded to the Harris County Medical Examiner's Office by Justice of the Peace A. E. Halter, Precinct Three of Jefferson County.

The documentation we currently have regarding the case is sparse, but suggests the remains were initially regarded as not being of forensic importance. The remains were subsequently archived at the HCMEO. During an inventory of the archived remains by forensic anthropologists, it was decided that the remains lack typical markers associated with historic remains and that they were potentially of forensic importance. As a result, a complete skeletal analysis was done. The decedent's description was entered into the National Criminal Information System and a bone sample was submitted to the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center to obtain a DNA profile. On December 18, 2008, the remains were released to Harris County Bereavement Services for burial.

In light of the fact that the case originated in Jefferson County, the Harris County Medical Examiner is unable to certify the death. Carnes Funeral Home (713.943.2500), the funeral responsible for burial of the remains, will forward a death certificate to you for you to certify the death.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Jennifer C. Love, Ph.D., D-ABFA
Forensic Anthropology Director

UNIDENTIFIED

EYE COLOR: _____

✓ML#: 73-6849

HAIR COLOR: _____

DATE OF DEATH: 11-17-83

LENGTH: _____

FACIAL HAIR: _____

RACE: _____

COLOR: _____

SEX: _____

AGE: _____

HEIGHT: _____

WEIGHT: _____

Bones - Do not be
concerned w/ ID -
SCARS: It's impossible

MARKS: _____

TATTOOS: _____

CLOTHING: Antiquitous

PERSONAL EFFECTS: _____

OTHER: _____

DENTAL: _____

PLACE OF DEATH: Jefferson Co.

TIME OF DEATH: _____

POLICE AGENCY: _____ CASE #: _____

INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT

() AUTOPSY
() VIEW
() INQUEST ONLY

Investigator Evans/WingoCase No. 83-5849

UNKNOWN BONES

Decedent	Race	Sex	Age	D.O.B.
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Home Address

XXXXXX 8-4-831:45() A.M. — (X) P.M. — FOUND(X) YES () NO ()

Telephone

Date of Death

TIME

Approx. 1 mile from Chambers Co line in Jeff. Co. line

() () out of County

Place of Death

City/County

Precinct

Telephone

HOSPITAL CHART NO.

WingoDATE: 10-4-83 TIME: 9:00 (X) A.M. — () P.M.

M.E. Notified:

MorgueDATE: 11-17-83 TIME: 2:30 () A.M. — (X) P.M.

Place of Inquest

Justice of Peace A.E. Halter/Chamber Co. S.O./ Jefferson Co. S.O.

Informant

Next of Kin

Address

Relationship

A.M. P.M.

Next of Kin Notified by

Date

Time

Telephone

Personal Physician

Address

Telephone

Location, Position, and Surroundings of Body: SEE ATTACHED REPORT.

Clothing:

INFORMATION This case came to cause by an order from JUSTICE OF THE PEACE A.E.HALTER, PRCT.THREE, JEFFERSON COUNTY.THE FOLLOWING LIST OF BONES WAS DETERMINED ON 11-17-83:

(2) ilium crest (pelvic)	(1) elbow joint (arm)	(12) rib
(2) femur (leg)	(1) occygeal vertebra (back)	(4) meta carpal bone (hand)
(2) fibula (leg)	(2) rochis (arm)	(3) phalanges (hand)
(2) tibia (leg)	(2) Ulva (arm)	(2) 1st metatarsal bone (hand)
(5) vertebra (back)	(1) long arm bone (arm)	(3) phalanges (hand)
		(2) 1st metatarsal bone (hand)

M.E. Photos () Yes (X) No Police Agency JEFFERSON COUNTY S.O. Case No. B93 44231Property none

() Requested

Funeral Home Transporting Decedent none

() Dispatched

?/ Jefferson Co. S.O.

INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT

Date: 11-18-83
Time: 6:00 AM

Continuation/Supplement

Investigator Evans

Time: _____

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BONE DESCRIPTION CONTINUED:

(5) phalanges (foot)

(2) talus (foot)

12) calcaneus (foot)

(50) bones total

Humerus	11 $\frac{1}{16}$	(RIGHT)	Rochis	10 $\frac{3}{4}$	(LEFT)
Rochis	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	Ulna	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	"
Ulna	9 $\frac{1}{16}$	"	Femur	16	"
Femur	16	"	Fibula	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	"
Fibula	13 $\frac{3}{8}$	"	Tibia	14	"
Tibia	14	"			



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RELEASE FROM PENDING

AMENDMENT(S)

INQUEST ONLY

CASE NUMBER:

ME 83-6849

DECEDENT:

Unknown male

DOD:

EDR #:

Part 1 Cause of Death:

Undetermined (skeletal remains)

Part 2 Other Conditions:

Please Circle your Selection

Autopsy or Inquest

Autopsy Findings Available Prior to Completion of Cause of Death

Yes or No

Did Tobacco Use Contribute to Death

Yes No Probably Unknown

Certified in TER

initials

date

IF FEMALE:

Not pregnant within past year
Pregnant at time of death
Not pregnant, but pregnant within 42 days of death
Not pregnant, but pregnant 43 days to 1 year before death
Unknown if pregnant within the past year

Manner of Death:

Undetermined

Describe How Injury Occurred:

Medical Examiner

Date

DATE 11-17-83

RACE

SEX

Out of County

TIME 9:30pm

LOCATION

Jeff. Co. S.O.

EST. AGE

HEIGHT

WEIGHT

EYES

HAIR

PRINTS TO

CAN BODY BE VIEWED

 YES NO

POLICE AGENCY

PRINTS TO

SCARS:

CASE NUMBER

PRINTS TO

TATTOOS:

DENTAL:

X-RAYS:

PERSONAL EFFECTS:

CLOTHING:

DENTAL RECORD BY:

DATE:

DEN
 POLI
 INVE
 AUTO
 TOXI
 DNA
 ANTH

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 ENTE
 DATE
 NIC #

 ICSO
 PS ID

 RELEASED
 DATE:



Bereavement Services of Harris County Community & Economic Development Department Social Services Division- Bereavement hereby authorizes the removal of the decedent's remains as follows:

Funeral Home Carnes Funeral Home

Decedent: Unknown, Male

Mother's name (babies only):

AGE: 17-23 age

Date of death: 11/17/1983

ME Case # 83-6849

Decedent is VIEWABLE or NONVIEWABLE or Unknown
(check one)

Body Location: Medical Examiner, 1885 Old Spanish Trial, Houston Texas 77054
(Please verify location of decedent up before dispatching for a pick up)

Virginia Stith
Agent for HCSS

12/15/08
Date

HCSS contacted the following next of kin for the release of this decedent:

1. No next of kin found
2. Full skeletal
3. Full casket
4. HC burial set for 12/19/2008

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TDL
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4/30/09
4/12/09

DEC 1 2008 RCUD

Harris County Bereavement Services Referral Form – HCME Cases

HCME Case Number: <u>ML83-6849</u>		Referral Date: <u>November 26, 2008</u>	
Last Name: <u>UNKNOWN</u>	First Name: <u>UNKNOWN</u>	Middle Name: <u>M/17-23</u>	Date and Time of Death: <u>11/17/1983 5:30:00 PM</u>
Place of Death <u>SHORELINE</u>			
Street:	City of Death: <u>HOUSTON</u>	County of Death: <u>JEFFERSON</u>	Death Zip Code:
Cause of Death: <u>Undetermined</u>	Reporting Agency: <u>JEFFERSON COUNTY PRECINCT 3</u>	Incident Number: <u>NO CASE NUMBER</u>	
Manner of Death: <u>Undetermined</u>	Agency Contact:		
Signing Physician: <u>ANTHROPOLOGIST</u>		Physician Contact Phone: <u>713-796-9292</u>	
Age: <u>0</u> <u>YEARS</u>	Date of Birth:	Race:	Weight in Pounds:
SSN:	Sex: <u>MALE</u>	Foreign Origin:	Veteran:
Residence Address:	City: <u>HOUSTON</u>	State: <u>TX</u>	Zip Code:
Next of Kin First Name: <u>COUNTY BURIAL</u>	Next of Kin Middle Name:	Next of Kin Last Name:	
Next of Kin Relationship: <u>OTHER</u>	Next of Kin Phone:	Date Next of Kin Located:	
Next of Kin Address:	Next of Kin City: <u>HOUSTON</u>	Next of Kin State NOK Zip: <u>TX</u>	
Date Next of Kin Notified:	Date of 15 Day Letter:	Type of Referral:	
		HC Guardianship Family	Indigent No NOK/Unknown <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Referred by: Ruth Mathis, D-ABMDI
Identification Specialist
Phone: 713-796-6774

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HC Cemetery
12/19/08

V. S.

Sharon M. Derrick

HCME Supervisor Approval:
Sharon M. Derrick, PhD
County Burial Supervisor

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Funeral Director's
Authorization to Claim Form

Date: 12-18-08

Medical Legal #: 83-6849

Name of Decedent: Unknown

I, Thomas Biele, representing Coxus EH, visually inspected the body of the above named decedent, and have compared the name and medical/legal number of the decedent to 1) the Identification Tag, 2) the Autopsy Information and Release Form and, 3) the Transit Envelope, and have found all three documents to correspond to the body I am authorized to claim from the Harris County Medical Examiner.

Thomas Biele

Signature

Coxus EH

Name of Firm

SB

Texas Funeral Commission
License Number

Reviewed and Signed by:

Shane Jack
(HCME Representative)

12/18/08
Date

Harris County Medical Examiner's Office
Forensic Anthropology Division
Case Chain-of-Custody



Case Number ML 83 - 6849

Anthropologist Receiving

J. Cave

Autopsy Assistant Transferring

J. Willh

Date of Transfer

11/17/08 2:04pm

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Date of Return

11/20/08

Anthropologist Transferring

J. C. Zm

Autopsy Assistant Receiving

Kathy A. - 11/20/08 3:56 p

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Anthropologist Receiving

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Autopsy Assistant Transferring

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Date of Transfer

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Date of Return

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Anthropologist Transferring

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Autopsy Assistant Receiving

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HARRIS CO. ME



UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN

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